

Friends of James River Park  
Minutes  
May 6, 2011- Taza Coffee

New Board Members

- Vicki Shivy
- Larry Socha
- Mary Wickham

Bike Park Discussion

Greg Rollins

- Richmond MORE will put funds towards building the park and will solicit additional funding.
- MORE is working with IMBA for concept and design of the off-road area with a budget of around \$3,500.
- IMBA is expected to come out soon for a site visit.
- RABA will develop the on-road section.
- FOJRP will provide money for landscaping.
- A more detailed plan will be completed before the XTERRA race (June 11-12). FOJRP will further discuss supporting the bike area once the plan is completed.

Nathan

- JRPS will act as the central hub for the bike plan. This bike plan includes a skills area on Belle Isle.

On-Road area

- The League of American Bicyclists will design and develop the on-road area.
- It will be located where the Old Dominion iron sheds currently stand. This area is underutilized and the on-road section will bring positive users to this part of the island that is commonly used by homeless people.
- The on-road course will be used to teach users to navigate roads.
- Bikes will be housed in the shed on the island.

Off-Road area

- The off-road area will be built in the area that is currently being used to put mulch and dirt piles.
- It will be used to teach young cyclists the skills needed to navigate the local trails.
- It will include a beginner and intermediate pump track and a skills area with trail features and signs.
- JRPS will manage the vandalism and upkeep of the bike park.

Ralph

- A flood in the 30 foot range would impact the bike park. A 23 foot flood did not impact the area.
- Would only support it if the parking issue is addressed.

### Events/Volunteers

- Need volunteers for Dominion RiverRock.
- Upcoming picnic will tie in to the Forest Hill Park event.

### Signs

- "You're here" needs to be fixed.
- Nathan would like to redo the kiosks at Reedy Creek.

### River Heros

- Mike Ostrander received his winnings.
- Seven Hills has an awards presentation and we need a board member to attend.

### James River Park Fund

- FOJRP will take over the James River Park Fund.
- A separate bank account will need to be set up.
- Need to figure out if it needs to be renamed.

### Bus

- The bus costs \$750 per shift.
- 6500 people are following the bus on Facebook so getting riders shouldn't be a problem.
- The bus can be cancelled up to the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend if it looks like it might rain.
- FOJRP will sponsor two buses, the date will be determined.

### XTERRA

- Luck Stone wants FOJRP to take on the ABC license. It needs a non-profit to do the beer sales.
- Luck Stone wants the funds from the beer sales to go towards the bike park.

### Ralph

- The roof is largely complete at the pump house.
- Sierra Club will hold a 50 person gathering June 11th.
- No alternate access to the pump house. The city needs to be pushed to provide detour signs.
- Needs help determining the type of composting toilet to purchase. The price range is \$2000 - \$12000.
- Seasonal JRPS staff cut back 75%.
- Trees were planted on North Bank.